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City Calendar

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November
Art in the Hall
Carol Turner

8 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri @ City Hall

December-January

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8 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri @ City Hall

Monday, 11/5City Council Meeting

6 pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 11/8
Planning and Zoning
Commission Meeting
5:15 pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 11/8
Recreation Advisory
Commission Meeting
6 pm @ Community House

Monday, 11/12 • City Hall Closed for Veterans Day

Saturday, 11/17 Yesterday - A Tribute to the Beatles 7:30 pm @ CoMMA

Saturday, 11/17 Holiday Farmers Market

10 am - 2 pm @ 111 N. Green St.

Saturday, 11/17
Memorial Tree Ligh

Memorial Tree Lighting Winter Carnival

5:30 - 8 pm @ Historic Burke County Courthouse Square

Thursday, 11/22, Friday, 11/23 City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday's garbage route will

be collected Wednesday.

MLK Jr. Park Taking Shape

Morganton residents will soon have a brand new park to enjoy, as renovations on Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park near the Mountain View Recreation Center are coming close to being completed.

"Morganton has a tremendous number of parks and plentiful greenspace for our residents to enjoy," said Parks and Recreation Director Rob Winkler. "We are excited to get the renovations completed

so everyone can enjoy the new equipment and features at the park."

One of the park's more unique features will be its gravity rail system, which is similar to a zip line and is used by sitting down in a swing-like seat and taking a circular zip line-style ride.

The splash pad is approximately 40 feet in diameter, and has a similar design to the splash pad at Martha's Park. The park will include an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant surface and other accessibility features.

Plans for the park renovations started in the summer of 2017.

An outdoor basketball court, picnic shelter and a variety of new playground equipment will be new features of the park, providing plenty of options for park-goers.



Martin Luther King Jr. Park, near Mountain View Recreation Center, is nearing completion.

Don't Miss These Downtown Events!

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and Downtown Morganton has plenty of Holiday events for you and your family to enjoy. The Holiday Bucks Giveaway begins the week of November 12 and runs through mid-December. Details on how to win will be available on Facebook and www.downtownmorganton. com - \$3,000 in downtown bucks will be given away!

Don't miss the Memorial

Tree Lighting and Winter Carnival on the Courthouse Square on Saturday, Nov. 17. Every Friday and Saturday beginning Nov. 23, Santa Claus will visit Downtown Morganton from 4-7pm. Check www. downtownmorganton. com to see where you can catch Santa. Plus there will be carriage rides through downtown beginning Nov. 23, happening every Friday and Saturday from

5-9pm. Santa will be at the Community House Dec. 1 and 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. for Breakfast with Santa. Tickets go on sale Nov. 1 at the UPS Store at 104 N. Green St.

Don't miss the annual Christmas Parade in Downtown on Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 6-9pm! For more details on all the Holiday events happening in Downtown Morganton, visit downtownmorganton.com.

Monday, 12/3 **City Council Meeting** 6 pm @ City Hall

Tuesday, 12/4 **Christmas Parade** 6-9 pm @ Downtown Morganton

Saturday, 12/8 **Holiday Farmers Market** 10am-12pm @ 111 N. Green

Monday, 12/10 **Board of Adjustment** 5:15 pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 12/13 Planning and Zoning Commission

5:15 pm @ City Hall

Thursday, 12/13 **Recreation Advisory** Commission 6 pm @ Community House

Thursday, 12/13 Lisa Rock in A Carpenters' Christmas

7:30 pm @ CoMMA

Tuesday, 12/18 Messiah Sing-A-Long 7:30 pm @ CoMMA

Monday, 12/24, Tuesday 12/25 City Hall Closed for **Christmas Holiday** No pickup Tuesday, remainder

of week on one-day delay.

Monday, 12/31 **New Year's Eve Masquerade** 9:00 pm @ CoMMA

Tuesday, 1/1/2019 City Hall Closed for **New Year's Day** Garbage collection will be on a one-day delay all week.

Friday, 1/11/19 **Kinky Boots** 7:30 pm @ CoMMA

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COMPAS Transitioning to all-digital service

COMPAS X-Stream TV customers will soon enjoy an improved experience and new features as we move to an all-digital network. The new all-digital network will give customers the capacity for a better television picture, faster internet and an improved voice experience.

Going all-digital will significantly improve our customers' experience and lay the groundwork for future innovation. Once the transition is completed. the entire television channel lineup will be encrypted. Encryption protects programming so that it cannot be viewed without authorization. This will allow us to automate certain functions and reduce the need for customers to schedule in-home appointments, providing you with a better customer experience.



The all-digital upgrade for our customers is expected to begin on January 7th, and will continue throughout all of 2019. It will affect different customers at different times. COMPAS X-Stream will notify customers of their specific upgrade date, and when they will need to acquire a digital receiver for each of their televisions via letter. If customers using analog service do not acquire a digital cable box in the timeframe designated in their letter, they will lose television service once the digital transition is completed in their area.

Customers can contact

the COMPAS office at 438-5353 to schedule a time to pick up their new digital cable box. Customers can install the new equipment themselves, or they can schedule a time for a COMPAS technician to install it for them.

We will have a Cable Commission meeting on December 11th at Morganton City Hall to discuss this transition. More information will be available after the meeting.

Read more at this link for answers to frequently asked questions about the digital transition process: http:// compas.compascable.net/ index.php/going-digital.

City collecting leaves through January

Leaf collection started in October and continues as needed through January. Public Works collects leaves every two weeks during leaf season at no charge to residents.

However, after January residents must pay a \$25.00 to have loose leaves collected.

Residents should pile leaves as close to the road as possible without blocking the road or sidewalks.

Visit www. morgantonnc.gov/leaves to see when your leaves will be collected.





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